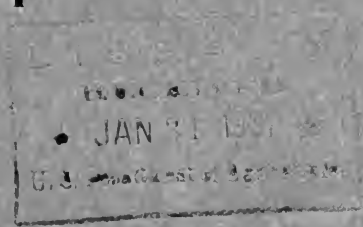


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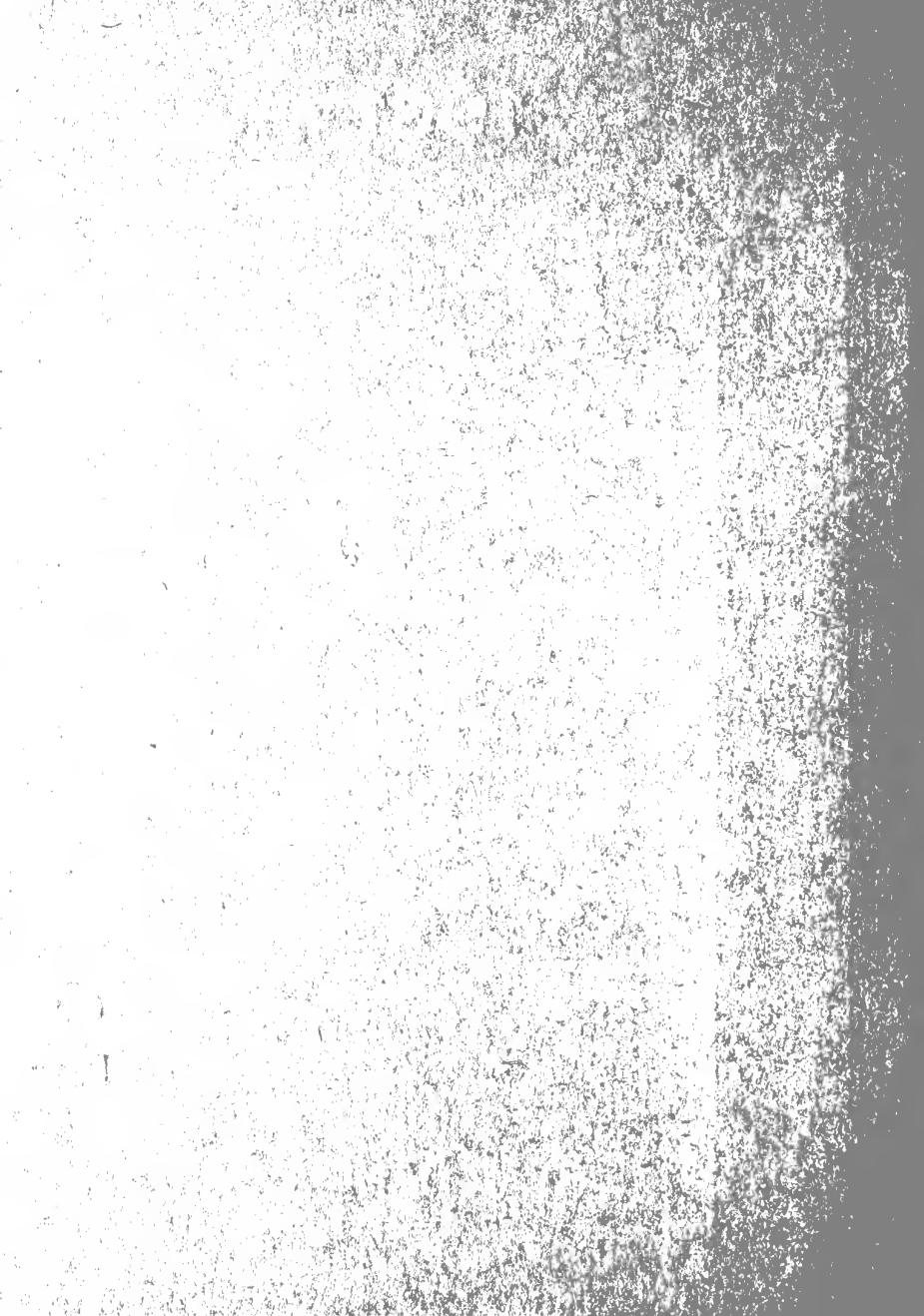


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1481 14TH AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



GREETINGS---1931

Our 1931 Catalog brings greetings to you, and we take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for your liberal patronage during the past. We trust that you, as well as our newer customers, will enjoy the greatest possible success with your Dahlias this season. We have one of the largest and best collections of Dahlias in the West. Our roots are all field grown, without being forced or over-fertilized — grown as you grow them. Our stock has been selected from the finest California novelties, which in our estimation are unexcelled.

Thanking you in advance for any orders you may favor us with, which we assure you, will be given our personal attention.

Sincerely yours,

STAR DAHLIA GARDENS

R. M'Whirter, Proprietor

GENERAL INFORMATION

Order Early—As orders are filled in rotation, ordering early will insure the varieties that later may be sold out.

Terms—To known and approved correspondents, net cash 30 days. Unknown correspondents will please furnish satisfactory reference or send cash with order, otherwise goods will be sent C. O. D. We allow a special 5 per cent cash discount where check accompanies order.

All Goods travel at the risk of the purchaser. We use all possible diligence and precaution in packing goods. Our responsibility ceases when goods are delivered to transportation company.

All Claims to be made within three days after receipt of goods; no later claims of any kind will be allowed. Before making claims please examine your goods carefully as we exercise every effort in filling your orders right.

Time of Shipment—Tubers will be shipped after April 1st unless otherwise notified. All retail orders shipped prepaid.

Name and Address should be written plainly and forwarded to the

STAR DAHLIA GARDENS

1481—14th Avenue

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Introducing

CAPRICE. (Mawson)

Tubers \$10.00

Wonderful new decorative of golden yellow shading to salmon pink, The immense flowers are held well above the foliage on long strong stems, Won two gold medals at Palace Hotel dahlia show 1930, for best flower in the show, and best established seedling, Also won two firsts at Civic Auditorium 'show, San Francisco, for best new introduction 1930. A strong healthy grower, good for both garden and exhibition, Strong field grown roots.

CATHERINE M'KENZIE (M'Whirter)

Tubers \$5.00

The color of this new decorative is a lovely shade of old rose suffused with gold, Large flowers with long stiff stems, A wonderful free bloomer and a vigorous grower, Good for both exhibition and garden. Very popular with the florists, Medium tall.

COMMANDER. (M'Whirter)

Tubers \$5.00

Golden apricot suffused with bronze, this new decorative is a tall grower with large flowers on good stems, Always attracts attention in the garden due to its prolific growth, an extremely healthy and vigorous variety.

FRANCISCAN. (M'Whirter)

Tubers \$5.00

The color of this new hybrid cactus is a wonderful shade of soft salmon pink, a new and distinctive color. The flowers are large with long straight stems, an early and free bloomer, Good for both garden and exhibition, Medium tall.

MARJORIE POWELL (Mawson)

Tubers \$5.00

A new decorative of old rose with gold tipped petals, The flowers are very large and full and the stems are long and straight, Bushes grow moderately tall and have an excellent habit.

ORANGE QUEEN (M'Whirter)

Tubers \$5.00

Very large golden orange colored flowers on medium sized bushes. We advise pinching out the top of this variety for best results. Stems are good and the plant is always a mass of blooms.

PALOMAR, (M'Whirter)**Tubers \$5.00**

This new decorative immediately attracts attention in the garden on account of its color, a rich glowing scarlet, Bushes are of medium height with large flowers on good strong stems, Free blooming and excellent for cutting and show purposes, Good habit.

WAVERLIE (M'Whirter)**Tubers \$10.00**

This new decorative won the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce trophy cup for ten blooms of best new introduction at dahlia show held by the Dahlia Society of San Francisco, Palace Hotel, 1930. The color is a silvery lavender with artistic wavy petals. Flowers are large, the habit and stems of the plant are excellent. Bushes are moderately tall and free flowering.

DONNA CALIFORNIA (Ballay)**Tubers \$10.00**

Deep rose pink suffused with lavender. The color is not new, but it is doubtless the largest dahlia of that coloring, 12-inch blooms having been produced without effort through a long period. The flower is not particularly heavy considering its great size, as its petal formation is loosely arranged rather than solid. The stems are very strong and very long. Winner of the prize for the Best Established Three-Year-Old at the Palace Hotel in 1929 and for 18 blooms of one variety in 1930. Also on the American Home Roll of Honor for both 1929 and 1930.

RAPIDAN (Ballay)**Tubers \$15.00**

Golden bronze. A huge symmetrical flower borne upright on an extra long thick stem. A dozen perfect blooms can be cut from the plant at one time and little disbudding is required. These features combined with the lively coloring, which is exactly what the florists want, has already made Rapidan invaluable as a commercial variety. Very reliable and highly ornamental.

ROYAL FLUSH (Ballay)**Tubers \$15.00**

Brightest scarlet. A sensational variety both as to color and size. One bloom we measured was 11½ inches and there were larger ones. Furthermore, the brilliant coloring appears to accentuate its size. The formation is full and deep and the stem strong and sufficiently long. Performance was good all season. A 1930 Roll of Honor dahlia.

Decorative Dahlias



AL KORAN (Davies)

Tubers 75 Cents

A very large free-flowering golden yellow, great substance and good formation on strong stems well above the foliage. Very fine for exhibition.

ALICE KESSLER (Mawson)

Tubers \$1.00

The color of this new decorative is a deep rich velvety red. Large flowers with exceptionally long stiff stems.

AMUN RA (Seal)

Tubers \$1.00

A decorative of immense size and a beautiful shade of coppery orange. The flowers have splendid keeping qualities.

ANITA DAY HUBBARD, (Christensen)

Tubers \$3.00

A rich violet pink color that is very attractive, Large well formed blooms with extra long strong stems, A free flowering variety and good for all purposes.

ARDEN LAW (Mawson)

Tubers \$3.50

Won first prize for the best pink at Palace Hotel Dahlia Show, 1929. Color is a lovely shade of rose pink suffused with salmon. Large flowers on long strong stems.

BLACK JACK (Dressler)

Tubers 75 Cents

The flowers are extremely large, with long strong stems; best variety of its color, which is a very rich dark maroon, almost black.

CHRIS'S LAVENDER (M'Whirter)

Tubers \$2.00

(New introduction for 1929)—A clear lavender of orchid shadings. Very large flowers with exceptionally long and erect stems.

CROWN PRINCESS LOUISE (Pelicano) Tubers \$2.50

The flowers are large with strong stiff stems, having a color combination of old gold to deep amber. Bushes are always filled with large flowers which retain their centers to the last of the season.

CHAMPAGNE (Boston) Tubers 75 Cents

The flowers are immense and the color is a beautiful shade of golden champagne with chamois shadings. A wonderful free-bloomer.

EARLE WILLIAMS (Doolittle) Tubers \$1.00

Scarlet tipped, with white. Very large flowers with good stems. Fine for exhibition.

ELLINOR VANDERVEER (Seal) Tubers 75 Cents

Immense flowers of great depth and substance. The color is a shade of rose pink with exceptionally stiff stems. Free flowering.

FAITH GARIBALDI (Garibaldi) Tubers \$1.00

One of the largest decoratives we have grown. Color is a striking shade of deep rose pink. Good formation and stem. A prize winner.

GOLDEN JUBILEE (M'Whirter) Tubers 75 Cents

A beautiful shade of golden orange. Flowers are large with good stems, a vigorous grower and very free flowering, a fine bedding variety.

HALVELLA (M'Whirter) Tubers 75 Cents

Color is a beautiful shade of rose-pink, with flowers of very large size, which stand erect on long, stiff stems.

JANE COWL (Downs) Tubers \$5.00

This mammoth flower has been the sensation of the shows the past three years. A glistening bronzy buff blended with old gold and a touch of pale rose.

KITTY DUNLAP (Boston)**Tubers 75 Cents**

A very popular shade of American beauty rose color. Free-bloomer and fine formation. The stems are long and stiff. One of the best.

LILLIAN D. FARNUM (Mawson)**Tubers 75 Cents**

A new fancy decorative which is very striking and attractive. The color combination is a white ground, spotted and striped with crimson. Large flowers with good strong stems.

LOGAN'S WHITE (Logan)**Tubers 75 Cents**

Color is pure snow white. Large flowers on long stiff stems. A free bloomer and excellent for cutting.

LADY FRANCIS (Mawson)**Tubers \$5.00**

A new decorative which won two first prizes at the 1929 dahlia show, held at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. The color is an unusual shade of deep old rose, with golden sheen. The flowers are extremely large and well formed.

MAY TROWER, (Seal)**Tubers \$3.50**

Large deep flowers of pale gold, The stems are long and stiff, holding the blooms well above the foliage, A free bloomer and good for both exhibition and cutting.

MAE SADLER REID (Pelicano)**Tubers \$3.00**

An exceptionally large blossom of mahogany red, deepening to a dull maroon.

MAVIS MOORE (Mawson)**Tuber \$5.00**

A new true pink decorative without a trace of lavender. Immense blooms with good strong stems. One of the best new introductions. Stock is limited.

MISS CALIFORNIA (Pelicano)**Tubers \$1.00**

Color is described by the introducer of this fine new variety as oriental fuchsia. Large flowers on extra long stems.

MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL (Seal) **Tubers \$10.00**

A beautiful old rose decorative. The flowers are huge, of great depth and substance. Strong tall bushes with excellent stems.

MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN (Pelicano) **Tubers \$2.00**

Deep mulberry and rose colorings; the flowers are very large and are held erect on long, stiff stems.

OLIVE REED (Seal) **Tubers \$3.50**

The best pure yellow we have grown up to date. Immense blooms.

PRIDE OF SAN FRANCISCO (M'Whirter) **Tubers 75 Cents**

The color of this new variety is its chief attraction, a brilliant salmon pink suffused with rose. The plant is a strong, vigorous grower.

QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL (Burns) **Tubers \$1.00**

An enormous primrose yellow decorative. A strong vigorous grower with long straight tough stems.

ROSA NELL (Broomall) **Tubers 50 Cents**

Immense blooms of clear, bright rose, on long, stiff stems. The flowers are of great depth and the formation is good. Unequaled for exhibition.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, (Christensen) **Tubers \$5.00**

Wonderful color of burnt orange and gold, Large blooms of great depth and substance with strong stiff stems, A vigorous grower and good for all purposes.

SANCHICAN'S BLUEBIRD, (Fisher & Masson) **Tubers \$1.00**

Large flowers of an unusual shade of bluish lavender, A free bloomer with good strong stems, Good depth and substance, We can recommend this new eastern variety very highly.

SHUDOW'S LAVENDER (Boston)**Tubers \$1.50**

The best lavender decorative to date. Very large flowers on long, stout stems. The variety is tall-growing and is good for all purposes.

SENORITA (Lohrman)**Tubers \$1.00**

Immense blooms of rich dark red, with good stems. A prize winner and a grand exhibition flower.

TOMMY ATKINS (Boston)**Tubers \$1.00**

A very attractive shade of bright scarlet. Large flowers on long stiff stems. Good habit.

VALESKA (Ballay)**Tubers \$3.50**

Color is a deep rich shade of lavender, extra large flowers on long strong stems. Fine for exhibition.

WHITE WINGS (M'Whirter)**Tubers \$1.50**

A new clear white decorative with strong erect stems. Large blooms with good keeping qualities.

YELLOW GIANT (M'Whirter)**Tubers \$1.00**

Extra large flowers of golden yellow, with good strong stems.

Special offer on Dahlias

Dahlias—Home Garden collection, 12 named decoratives, values up to \$1.50 each, our selections5.00

Dahlias—California Collection, values up to \$2.50 each, our selection. 12 all new California varieties 8.00

Cactus and Hybrid Cactus Dahlias



AMBASSADOR (Broomall)

Tubers \$1.00

Soft yellow buff shaded pink. This variety won for us first prize for the largest flower at Palace Hotel Dahlia show, San Francisco, 1923. We guarantee to supply you with the original prize winning stock.

BALLET GIRL (Boston)

Tubers \$1.00

Very attractive. Orange, splashed and tipped with white. Perfect formation. Fine for exhibition.

DAHLIAMUM (Ballay)

Tubers \$2.50

A new hybrid cactus of clear yellow. Very large flowers with long stiff stems. Good habit and a free bloomer. Good for exhibition.

F. W. FELLOWES (Stredwick)

Tubers 75 Cents

True cactus form, with narrow curling petals. Very large orange-colored flowers, with good stems.

GERTRUDE EDERLE (Boston)

Tubers \$3.00

This straight petaled hybrid cactus is a soft primrose yellow. Flowers are very large.

ISLAM PATROL (Davies)

Tubers \$1.50

Very popular. Color is an attractive shade of red and gold. Large flowers with good stems. A free bloomer and good keeping qualities. Good for exhibition. Hybrid cactus.

LONE MORE (M'Whirter)

Tubers \$3.50

A new hybrid cactus of great merit. Wonderful color of old gold. Large deep flowers with good stout stems. Good habit and a profuse bloomer.

LENORE WOOLAMS. (Mawson)**Tubers \$2.50**

New hybrid cactus. The color is a beautiful shade of deep American beauty rose. The flowers are immense and the petals have a very artistic and wavy formation.

MARIPOSA (Boston)**Tubers 75 Cents**

Large blooms of great depth and substance. The color is a lovely shade of violet pink. The stems are good and the habit of the plant is all that could be desired.

REGENT (Boston)**Tubers 75 Cents**

American Cactus. A lovely shade of lavender. Large flowers with good stems. A strong grower and a very free bloomer.

ROLLO BOY (Pelicano)**Tubers \$1.00**

Very large flowers on long stems. A delicate shade of amber and old gold. Good for all purposes.

SISKIYOU (Broomall)**Tubers \$1.00**

One of the largest hybrid cactus introduced, color a mauve pink. The stems are very stiff and erect.

SOVEREIGNTY (Stredwick)**Tubers 75 Cents**

The best yellow for exhibition. Very large, bold flowers with straight petals.

VALIENT II (Stredwick)**Tubers 75 Cents**

Considered the best red cactus for exhibition. Nicely incurved, with long, narrow petals.

ZANTE (Boston)**Tubers \$1.00**

Wonderful shade of gold suffused with apricot pink. Flowers are very large and full with long strong stems.

Pompon Dahlias



Aimee—Popular shade of bronze .....	.50
Anita—An unusual shade of deep old rose .....	.50
Bantam—Best red for cutting .....	.50
Candy Kid—Coral pink, shading to lavender .....	.50
Bebe—Color pink and mauve with white ground .....	.50
Darkest of All—Maroon, almost black, True stock....	.75
Darkeye—Light lavender with dark center .....	.50
Donald Gordon—Burnt orange .....	.50
Flapper—Crimson maroon splashed with white. New	.75
Glow—A lovely shade of old rose .....	.50
Hazel Dell—Pink edged cerise .....	.50
Helen Anita—Soft lavender. Good .....	.75
Joan—Clear yellow suffused with red .....	.50
Johnnie—Maroon, with crimson center .....	.50
Kathleen—Bright rosy purple .....	.75
Little Dave—A lovely shade of deep orange .....	.50
Lolita—Golden yellow, with red center .....	.50
Mike—A charming color of burnt orange .....	.50
Phoebe—Deep golden orange .....	.50
Redhead—Rich red .....	.75
Regulus—Deep cerise purple .....	.50
Yellow Gem—Best yellow Pompon .....	.50
12 varieties, your selections. Excluding those listed over 50 cents	\$3.50
12 varieties, our selection	2.50

How to Grow and Care for Dahlias



If possible, plant in open, sunny situation. Prepare the soil thoroughly by deep digging. Be moderate in the use of both manure and water. Never plant when the soil is wet. Lay the tuber flat on its side and cover it four inches deep, pressing the soil firmly on the tuber. Keep the soil loose and mellow by frequent hoeing. Cultivation is the secret of growing good Dahlias.

Three by three feet is about the proper distance to plant apart.

Keep all dead flowers trimmed off.

Dahlia blooms keep much better if cut in the evening—about sunset—and the less foliage taken off with the flowers the better for both plant and flower. If green is desired, use some other green of better keeping qualities.

After frost has killed the tops, dig the tubers carefully, remove the soil from the roots, and store away in a box or barrel, secure from frost. As a precaution it would be well to cover the tubers so stored with sand, leaves or moss.

All clumps should be divided into several pieces before being reset the following spring.

To have large blooms, it is absolutely necessary to disbud, leaving only one bud to each shoot.

DAHLIA SEED

Growing Dahlias from seed is one of the most interesting stages of Dahlia cultivation. Our seed is carefully selected from the choicest varieties. We send postpaid to any postoffice in the United States, Dahlia seeds in packages.

Package of 50 seeds \$2.00

Package of 100 seeds 3.00

